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Exile Aim: Uprising In Cuba

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Anti-Castro organizations in Miami vowed Wednesday to step up activities designed to spark an uprising among unhappy Cubans, using to best advantage the confusion caused by violently destructive Hurricane Flora.

Some exile action groups indicated they even may switch tactics from hit-and-run coastal raids to more permanent harassment from bases inside the Communist-ruled island.

Manuel Artine, head of the Movement for Revolutionary Recovery (MIR), said his group is "eager" working in order to "hurry their liberation plans and make them coincide with the hasty reorganization of the underground resistance forces."

Artine predicted that Hurricane Flora "will precipitate the collapse of the Communist autocracy in the Caribbean."

The International Movement for Revolutionary Recovery (MIR) has carried out three major raids over Cuba, said Artine, "not only because of Flora, but because the Cuban people need a step up in the plans."

Rogelio Bosch, secretary of the group, said they are "springing up" a series of actions over the island for the next month. He made clear that all raids would be launched from outside the island.

Another group vowing to "take down" Flora left off, the Front of Escambray (FE) declared: "We are going into Cuba with a plan of action for guerrilla warfare."

Antonio Flores, secretary of the group and a veteran militia fighter, said Flora "has done the job of 5,000 men" for the year of 1963.

The Revolutionary Student Directorate (DRE), which in August 1962, launched one of the most fantastic raids to date when it shelled a Havana hotel, indicated a switch to a more formal "military plan of action."

"Flora's damage in Cuba will facilitate to some extent the execution of our new plan," commented Luis Fernandez Rocha, secretary general of the youth organization. He emphasized that the new strategy had been drawn "before the hurricane came along."

Fernandez Rocha added the program calls for organization of underground cells that will go into action "when the moment comes."

The Cuban Revolutionary Junta (JURE), headed by Manuel Ray, said devastation caused by the season's most vicious hurricane "will unquestionably help the conditions . . . that will favor our thesis of internal fight."

Commenting that "we should rush slowly," Rogelio Cisneros, a member of the group's executive committee, said plans advocating inside action rather than an invasion, "remain unchanged." JURE has promised to be in Cuba "by next May 20."

Pedro Muina, a spokesman for Commando-L, claimed his group, which once nearly sank a Russian freighter anchored in a Cuban port, will continue "destroying military and production centers" in the island.

Muina also predicted that within four or five months "demoralization of those still supporting the regime will become apparent."

Comandos Mambises, a rather mysterious group based in Central America which destroyed a lumber mill in Eastern Cuba a week before Flora hit the island, said in a statement by Rafael Martinez Pupo, its head:

"... It is the intention of Comandos Mambises to start fires all over Oriente. These liberty fires will be lighted in all the production units . . ."

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